Pending cases of railway employees in CAT

2606. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of Railway employees pending in the CAT and since when these have been pending in each zone, as on the 30th June, 1994;

(b) what is the number of cases where orders of the CAT were not implemented and contempt proceedings had to be filed thereon;

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to settle these cases, expeditiously;

(d) what steps are being taken to implement the orders of the CAT, as on date; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Development of railways network in Gujarat

2607. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of expansion and development of railway, network in Gujarat, targeted during 1993-94 and for 1994-95; and

(b) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Information regarding new lines/gauge conversions passing through Gujarat is as under:

1993-94:

(i) Nadiad-Kapadvanj narrow gauge line converted into broad gauge.

(ii) Conversion of Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad taken up.

1994-95:

(i) Conversion of Phulera-Ajmer and Mahesana-Khodiyar targeted for completion by March, 1995 and the rest of the section between Ajmer and Mahesana is being progressed for completion by March, 1996.

(ii) Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval taken up.

(iii) Construction of new line between Kapadvanj and Modasa defrozen by allocation of Rs. 1 crore.

Wagon Orders to BEML

2608. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of orders placed with the BEML for the manufacture of railway coaches during 1992, 1993 and 1994; and

(b) what are the reasons for decline in the placement of orders, if any, for the manufacture of railway coaches by BEML stating the extent of reduction?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No. of passenger coaches ordered:

1992-93..... 400 Nos.
1993-94..... 250 Nos.
1994-95.....*150 Nos.

*150 Nos. were later preponed from 1994-95 to 1993-94 on BEML's request.

In addition orders for 18 DCEMU coaches were placed in 1994-95.

(b) The coach requirement of Railways depends upon passenger traffic and is need based. Growth in passenger traffic has not materialised as per plan projections which has caused reduction in the coach requirement.